

Six Traits Writing Rubric

| | 6 Exemplary | 5 Strong | 4 Proficient | 3 Developing | 2 Emerging | 1 Beginning |
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| Ideas & Content <i>➤ main theme</i> <i>➤ supporting details</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptionally clear, focused, engaging with relevant, strong supporting detail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear, focused, interesting ideas with appropriate detail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evident main idea with some support which may be general or limited | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main idea may be cloudy because supporting detail is too general or possibly off-topic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose and main idea may be unclear and cluttered by irrelevant detail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks central idea; development is minimal or non-existent |
| Organization <i>➤ structure</i> <i>➤ introduction</i> <i>➤ conclusion</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively organized in logical and creative manner Creative and engaging intro and conclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong order and structure Inviting intro and satisfying closure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization is appropriate, but conventional Attempt at introduction and conclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts at organization Beginning and ending not well developed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of structure; disorganized and hard to follow Missing or weak intro and conclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of coherence; confusing No identifiable introduction or conclusion |
| Voice <i>➤ personality</i> <i>➤ sense of audience</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressive, engaging, sincere Strong sense of audience Shows emotion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate to audience and purpose Writer behind the words comes through | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evident commitment to topic Inconsistent or dull personality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice may be inappropriate or non-existent Writing may seem mechanical | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing tends to be flat or stiff Little or no hint of writer behind words | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing is lifeless No hint of the writer |
| Word Choice <i>➤ precision</i> <i>➤ effectiveness</i> <i>➤ imagery</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precise, carefully chosen Strong, fresh, vivid images | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive, broad range of words Word choice energizes writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language is functional and appropriate Descriptions may be overdone at times | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Words may be correct but mundane No attempt at deliberate choice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monotonous, often repetitious, sometimes inappropriate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited range of words Some vocabulary misused |
| Sentence Fluency <i>➤ rhythm, flow</i> <i>➤ variety</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High degree of craftsmanship Effective variation in sentence patterns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy flow and rhythm Good variety in length and structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally in control Lack variety in length and structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some awkward constructions Many similar patterns and beginnings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often choppy Monotonous sentence patterns Frequent run-on sentences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult to follow or read aloud Disjointed, confusing, rambling |
| Conventions <i>➤ spelling, punctuation, grammar</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptionally strong control of standard conventions of writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong control of conventions; errors are few and minor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control of most writing conventions; occasional errors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited control of conventions; frequent errors do not interfere with understanding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent significant errors may impede readability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous errors distract the reader and make the text difficult to read |